

N EIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS



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WELCOME HAYLEY

Community Relations Specialist

Hello! I'm Hayley Yantorn and I have been with the Huntington Beach Police Department for 4 years. I am very excited to transfer to the role of Community Relations Specialist. I enjoy active engagement with the community and take great pride in the work and programs of the Huntington Beach Police Department. I was born and raised in Orange County and attended Huntington Beach schools from Junior High through College. I graduated from Golden West College with an Associate's degree in Liberal Arts and concluded my studies at California State University, Fullerton with a Bachelor's of Science in Human Services, concurrent with a Master's of Science in Psychology from the University of Phoenix. My experience, education and passion includes working closely with individuals and groups to ultimately enhance programs and foster a safer community. I look forward to meeting you.

National Night Out Week is August 2!

This year's event will be at **Central Park West 5pm-7pm**. There will be canine and horse units, swat teams, raffles and games! Meet your HBPD! Bring the family! Fun for everyone!



Beep Beep!

Editor's Note!

As serious as this subject matter is, what would our childhood be without Wile E. Coyote and the Roadrunner? Enjoy the articles, mind the information and keep humor in your life! Thank you Looney Tunes!

About NW Block Meetings

There are several ways that HBPD and HB Neighborhood Watch can assist residents who deal with quality-of-life issues. In our pre-covid meetings, holiday crimes, vehicle theft, and homelessness issues have been addressed. But “crimes of opportunity” can be avoided by being mindful of your surroundings, locking your doors, removing valuables

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COYOTE MANAGEMENT

Many residents in Huntington Beach and all of Orange County experience occasional visits from local wildlife, especially those that reside in newly developed neighborhoods or areas next to protected parks and wilderness trails. During spring time, these visits may become more frequent as this is the breeding season for many wild animals. While some residents understand that wildlife is being pushed from their natural habitat and take pleasure in these visits, many consider them a nuisance because of late night forages in trash cans, messes left behind and the occasional "setting up camp" in or around one's property.



Species: *C. latrans*

AKA: Wile E. Coyote!*

Small pets can easily become coyote prey. Cats and small dogs should not be allowed outside alone, even in a fenced yard. It is highly recommended that their owner always accompany small pets. Though coyotes generally hunt between sunset and sunrise, they can be observed at all hours of the day and will not pass up the opportunity for an easy meal. A dog or cat left in a backyard can be taken in a matter of moments. The City of Huntington Beach has adopted a ***Coyote Management Plan*** based on best management practices and tiered responses for aggressive coyote behavior. **The City of Huntington Beach offers some helpful tips to discourage wildlife activity in their neighborhoods.**

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from your car, and by removing packages from your doorsteps as soon as you can. If you see anything suspicious in your neighborhood don't hesitate to contact the police department. It is also good to get to know your neighbors online or in person. If no one reports a crime, your whole community can be impacted. Simply offer a hello and open the door to a new friendship! Some contact numbers are listed on page 4. You can also visit the City's website at:

www.huntingtonbeachca.gov

Or visit the department in person for more detailed information on your specific concerns. *If you would like to start a new Neighborhood Watch Program or arrange a Neighborhood Watch Block meeting for your neighborhood, please call 714-536- 5245*



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- ***Keep pet food indoors and do not leave food of any kind outside at night. Food left out at night will be taken as a welcome invitation by wildlife, and may prompt a future visit.***
- ***Keep cats and small dogs indoors or in the close presence of an adult.***
- ***Remove any fruit which has fallen to the ground.***
- ***Store trash in covered, heavy-duty containers.***
- ***Keep yards free from potential shelter such as thick brush and weeds, and enclose the bottoms of porches and decks.***
- ***Eliminate garbage, debris, lumber piles, etc.***
- ***Check fencing and try to eliminate access points to roof tops.***
- ***Change automatic sprinkler settings regularly.***
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REPORTING AN INCIDENT

Note: The City uses the coyote contact/sightings reporting to monitor their activity in the community and to take appropriate action in accordance the City's adopted Coyote Management Plan. The City is not able to respond to every coyote report or make follow-up contact with each citizen who files a report.



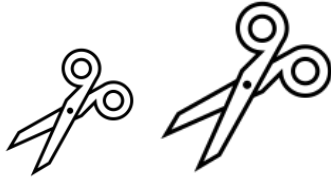
[Watch Living with Coyotes in HB Video](#)
[City of Huntington Beach Coyote Management Plan](#)

[Preventing Coyote Conflicts](#)

[Coyote Hazing Guidelines](#)

[Department of Fish & Wildlife - Coyotes in Southern California](#)

Courtesy: Surf City Break: <https://www.surfcitybreak.com>

CUT AND PASTE**Contacts for OC Care:****Hours of operation:****8:00am-5:00pm daily****(714) 935-6848 or (949)****249-5160****5:00pm - 8:00am nightly****(714) 935-7158****Police Emergency
911****Information Desk****714 960-8843****Non-Emergency/Dispatch****714 960-8825****Graffiti Hotline****714 960-8861****POLICE Business Line****714 960-8811****Community Relations****714 536-5245****Vacation house Checks****714 374-1507****Neighborhood Watch****714 536-5245**

Wildlife Watch Program

In partnership with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Huntington Beach Police Department volunteers have been given the opportunity to complete a 3-day Wildlife Watch training course.

During this course, volunteers were provided essential information about coyote behavior and provided the skills and tools necessary to facilitate and educate neighborhoods on safer coyote-human interactions.

This program is part of the Neighborhood Watch Program. The course was 10 hours of training for certification. Please check out the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for classes that may interest you!

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Keep-Me-Wild/Coyote>

City of Huntington Beach Coyote Management Plan

(Here is just a sample of this comprehensive 21 page plan)

Appendix A

Definitions of Encounters with Coyotes

Active Coexistence – Humans and coyotes exist together. Humans take an active role in keeping coyotes wild by learning about coyote ecology and behavior, removing attractants, taking responsibility for pet safety, and hazing coyotes in neighborhood or community spaces (except for predetermined coyote-appropriate areas). Hazing is not appropriate in a designated nature reserve or similar open space, unless the coyote exhibits threatening behavior to persons or leashed pets.

Attack - A human is injured or killed by a coyote.

Provoked – A human-provoked attack or incident where the human involved encourages the coyote to engage.

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HB Named Top 10 Wheelchair Accessible Beaches

The City of Huntington Beach has always been an all-inclusive City. We take pride in offering something for everyone. Within the last year, the City has made our coastline more accessible to everyone. With the recent addition of Mobi-Mats at our City beaches, visitors with disabilities or parents with strollers now have a stable walkway that safely leads across the sand. Mobi-Mats are high quality, portable, nonslip roll-up beach mats that are made of 100 percent recycled water bottles.

The Mobi-Mat is five feet wide and can be rolled up as needed. The City's first Mobi-Mat debuted at the beach in May 2021 just south of lifeguard tower 6. Since then, a second one has been installed at the beach and a third is available for use at special events. Given the recent accessibility enhancements, Huntington Beach was ranked in the top 10 of "10 Wheelchair Accessible Beaches in the US from Florida to Hawaii" by Conde Nast Traveler.

For more information:

<https://surfcitybreak.com/hb-named-in-top-10-wheelchair-accessible-beaches/>

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Examples include dogs off-leash in an on-leash area, dogs on leashes longer than 6' in length, or a human intentionally corners, injures, tries to injure an animal.

Unprovoked – An unprovoked attack or incident where the human involved does not encourage the coyote to engage or feeds the coyote.

Pet Attack - Attended animal loss or injury – When a person is within 6' of the pet and the pet is on leash and is attacked and injured or killed by a coyote.

Domestic animal loss or injury – A coyote injures or kills a pet. Also includes "depredation" predation of domestic pets. Animal loss or injury is considered the result of normal coyote behavior.

Subjected Pet Attack – A coyote is an opportunistic feeder and may feed on recently dead or dying animals, especially cats that were hit or killed by cars or other means. The eaten remains may be found and suggest the animal was attacked by a coyote. In cases where Animal Control Officers respond to these calls, without knowledge of an actual attack, the incident will be recorded as a suspected attack.

Encounter – An unexpected, direct meeting between a human and a coyote that is without incident.

Intentional Feeding – When a person or persons actively and intentionally feeds coyotes or provides food for animals in the coyote food chain.

Unintentional Feeding – When a person or persons are unintentionally providing access to food. Some examples are accessible compost, fallen fruit from trees, open sheds and doors, and pet food left outdoors.

Unintentional Feeding - (Bird Feeders) – When a person or persons

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**Your Neighborhood
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provides food for (e.g. birds, bird feeders, rodents, and squirrels). Bird feeders must be kept high enough from the ground so a coyote is unable to reach the feeding animals. The area under the bird feeder must be kept clean and free of residual bird food.

Hazing – A training method that employs immediate use of deterrents to move an animal out of an area or discourage undesirable behavior or activity. Hazing techniques include loud noises, spraying water, bright lights, throwing objects near but not at the animal, and shouting. Hazing can help maintain a coyote's fear of humans and deter them from neighborhood spaces, such as backyards and play spaces. Hazing does not and should not injure or damage animals, humans, or property.

Threat Incident – A conflict between a human and coyote where the coyote approaches a human and growls, bares teeth or lunges; injures or kills an attended domestic animal. A human is not injured.

Stalking Incident – A conflict between a human and a coyote, where the coyote follows a person with or without an attended pet on a leash. A human is not injured.

Observation – The act of noticing or taking note of tracks, scat, or vocalizations.

Sighting – A visual observation of a coyote(s). A sighting may occur at any time of the day or night.

Unsecured Trash – Trash that is accessible to wildlife (e.g. individual garbage cans, uncovered or open dumpsters or bags, trash cans overflowing, or where scattered trash is outside the receptacle).

For further information please go to:

[https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/files/.../
Coyote_Management_Plan.pdf](https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/files/.../Coyote_Management_Plan.pdf)



Tried and True Reminders for Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch continues to alert the public to apply the following safety tips for your vehicle and your home! Lock your car, hide any valuables, and be aware while shopping during the holidays. At home, close your garage door, secure windows and doors, and be alert for suspicious activity. Rear slide doors and window screens are easy to force open. And be aware of your location: If you are very near Beach Blvd, a busy street, or the freeway, a thief can make a quick getaway. Be Alert and Stay Safe!

For current crime information go to www.huntingtonbeachca.gov and click on government/departments/police/crime info!

HBPD Patrol Areas Map

Crime Data HB Police patrol areas are the Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, Southeast, and Downtown. Your RD (Reporting District) is the half-mile square surrounding your home. locate your area and road coordinates to familiarize where your home is located in Huntington Beach. In some cases, your AREA/ROAD is identified on your mailing address label.

(Please check the map on the following page 8 of this newsletter)

